



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:	)	Group Art Unit: 1635
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Becker et al.	)	Examiner: McGarry, S.
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This Communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed December 2, 2004. A petition for a one (1) month extension of time and deposit account authorization are enclosed herewith, which allows for submission up to April 4, 2005 (April 2, 2005 was a Saturday). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 02-4553, as necessary under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a) for this Response and for the payment of new claims. Applicants request that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office consider the following remarks and enter the following changes. Reconsideration and allowance of all claims is respectfully requested.

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**  
(37 C.F.R. Section 1.8A)

I hereby certify that this paper (along with anything referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to the Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450.

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